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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed November 28, 2000. We are also enclosing a copy of each of the following U.S. patents that are listed in form PTO-1449:

- U.S. Patent No. 4,358,286
- U.S. Patent No. 4,460,488
- U.S. Patent No. 4,852,392
- U.S. Patent No. 4,853,213
- U.S. Patent No. 5,258,182

- U.S. Patent No. 5,416,069
- U.S. Patent No. 5,738,863
- U.S. Patent No. 5,876,728
- U.S. Patent No. 5,889,049
- U.S. Patent No. 5,916,579
- U.S. Patent No. 5,997,889
- U.S. Patent No. 6,069,125
- U.S. Patent No. 6,093,691

We are also enclosing copies of the Japanese articles Murakami et al., Chem. Pharm. Bull. 41 [12] 2129-2131 (1993), Kakuda et al., Biosci. Biotech. Biochem. 60 [2] 204-208 (1996); and the abstract of the articles Kajimoto and Murakami, Nippon Elyo, Shokuryo Gakkaishi 52: 209-218 (1999), and Ha et al., Arch Pharm Res, 22[2]: 213-8 (1999).

It is applicants' belief that none of the above U.S. patents and articles describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

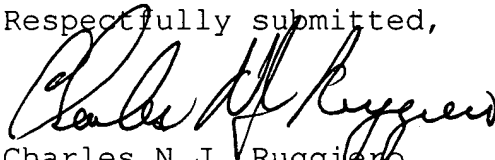
It should be understood that attention has been called to the patents and articles that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is

respectfully urged to review the listed patents and articles to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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